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Our Future is Leadership

A message from UNBC President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Daniel J. Weeks

For those of you who know me, or who have read my previous writings in UPDATE, you'll know I'm an advocate of promoting and celebrating leadership. Fortunately, I have the privilege of serving as UNBC President, and I can assure you there is demonstrable leadership at this institution and in our region.

The list of leadership examples at UNBC is long: students participating in our LEAD program (below) or winning national awards and competitions; faculty conducting world-class research and implementing exceptional teaching methods; and employees finding new ways to provide better, more efficient, and more effective services for the

University community. Leadership is in the very bones of this place.

That's why a new initiative we just launched at UNBC has me so excited. Northern Leadership—The Campaign for UNBC is a first for the University. We've never undertaken a comprehensive campaign, yet UNBC has earned its reputation as a first-class university and is ready to take this bold step forward. Our most ambitious fundraising effort to date, the \$15 million Northern Leadership Campaign will undoubtedly strengthen our leadership qualities and abilities.

By educating more outstanding students and preparing them for leadership, while

inspiring practical research, UNBC can elevate the power of our unique teaching and research to challenges that are broad and borderless. Whether we're strengthening our research and teaching excellence, empowering next-generation leaders, or creating local solutions that have global impact, we have the ability—and responsibility—to find solutions.

This issue of UPDATE explains our campaign priorities, tells stories about the transformational impact of students, faculty and alumni at UNBC, and invites you to join us in expanding UNBC's influence, not just in the region but across the country.



Northern Leadership

The Campaign for UNBC

A generation ago the challenges facing British Columbia's North were clear—enterprising and promising young leaders were leaving the region, compromising the future of our industries and communities.

Through first-class research and scholarship, the University of Northern British Columbia is now transforming the region while addressing issues that are important far beyond our boundaries.

UNBC is now ready to embark on its second quarter century by strengthening its presence in Northern B.C. and scaling up efforts to change lives across Canada and globally.

UNBC must educate more outstanding students so that they are prepared to lead. The University must also inspire practical research and leverage its strengths in partnership with institutions and communities to discover solutions to pressing global questions.

To do this, UNBC is launching the \$15 million Northern Leadership Campaign.

“This ambitious fundraising effort will help us strengthen our capacity to inspire leadership for the next generation,” says Tracey Wolsey, the chair of the

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UNBC Board of Governors and a UNBC graduate. “The fruits of this campaign will empower economic, social and cultural prosperity for British Columbia and Canada.”

This campaign, the first of its kind for UNBC, will strengthen the University's research and teaching excellence, inspire next-generation leaders and create local solutions with global impact.

In these pages, you can read about some of the campaign's priority projects to advance the University. And you'll learn about the impact philanthropy is having on teaching and research at UNBC and how the University's alumni are leaders.

The Northern Leadership Campaign is enabling UNBC to attract and support the best and brightest faculty and give students the resources and experiences they need to succeed.

“Through research and scholarship, UNBC is educating the next generation of innovative leaders,” says UNBC President Dr. Daniel Weeks. “As Canada's best small research-intensive university, our faculty and students are harnessing opportunities and discovering new ways to resolve many of the challenges our country is facing as a northern nation. Join us in advancing our northern leadership and shaping Canada's future.”

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Marjorie and Tim Nevison, hold a photo of the late Al Nevison, an early builder of Industrial Forestry Services Ltd. The Nevisons made a memorial contribution to UNBC to fund two endowed scholarships.

Living Legacy

Family values strengthen forestry research

Alan Nevison never went to university himself, but during his nearly five decades as an early builder and long-time vice president with Prince George-based Industrial Forestry Service Limited (IFS), he came to appreciate the value of a post-secondary education.

Alan was often the first point of contact for clients needing help and information and he witnessed first-hand how technology drove progress in the forest industry. With his knowledge of aerial photography, geographic information systems and other new technologies in the forest sector, he led his company's efforts to become one of the largest, most reliable and successful natural resource consulting firms in B.C.

In the company's early years, investing in the technology was the easy part; what was more difficult was finding university-trained employees to collect, interpret and disseminate the data. In those days there was no UNBC, and the company recruited trained personnel from all parts

of Canada and some from the United States for forestry and mapping work. He found that those trained in the Lower Mainland rarely stayed long in Prince George.

So not surprisingly, the Nevison family were supporters of UNBC from the beginning and got behind the public campaign for a northern university in the 1980s.

"There was always this interest in our family with UNBC," says Marjorie Nevison, Alan's wife of 61 years. "We enjoyed watching it grow and develop as it came into being."

After his death in November 2015, Alan's family made a memorial contribution to UNBC to fund two endowed scholarships, valued at \$1,500 each and awarded annually, for students conducting research at UNBC's research forests.

"After Al died we wanted to do something to honour his memory," Marjorie explains.

"Forestry was his passion. A donation to support forestry students at UNBC was the obvious thing to do."

Through this contribution, the Nevison family is strengthening research and teaching excellence, and growing UNBC's grassroots efforts to strengthen B.C.'s and Canada's North. UNBC's research forests are important sites for discovery and guiding natural resource management, and the scholarships the family created will help future generations of foresters find innovative solutions for the next wave of forest sector advancements.

And, 25 years after its creation, UNBC is producing graduates who provide the skills and experience that Alan had to previously search for abroad.

"In the old days it was just cutting down trees, bringing them into town and selling the lumber," Marjorie says. "Now there is so much more to forestry and the students at UNBC are on the cutting edge."

Developing Leaders

TransCanada awards help aboriginal students reach their goals

"I want to be a role model for First Nations communities."

It's a powerful statement, but not one Bianca Michell shies away from.

Michell, from Fort St. James and the Tl'azt'en First Nation, first graduated from UNBC with her Bachelor of Arts in First Nations Studies. After graduating with her Master of Health Sciences degree in Community Health this spring, she plans to continue her studies at UNBC as a PhD candidate researching either the prevalence of a bacterial infection in digestive tracts or diabetes in First Nations communities.

Last year, Michell received a financial award created by TransCanada Corporation, which has offered awards and bursaries to UNBC students from First Nation communities since 2014.

"This award helped me out quite a bit," she said. "It paid my tuition so I could put other funds towards my living expenses."

That company has now created a series of new Indigenous Community Development Awards, launched by a \$60,000 donation over two years. This year, seven UNBC students from First Nation communities in Northern B.C. each received a \$3,000 award. As many as 10 undergraduate and graduate students from First Nations communities along the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Corridor will be eligible to receive \$3,000 in 2017/18.

Awards such as these expand the University's ability to attract and retain students from the region, across Canada and around the globe.

"TransCanada is proud of our long-standing commitment to education and we want our projects to leave a lasting legacy of stronger communities, a higher standard of living and a greater quality of life," said Rick Gateman, President of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project.

"We are grateful for the financial support from TransCanada Corporation as it encourages students from smaller communities in the North to achieve their educational goals," added Dr. Mark Dale, UNBC Dean of Regional Programs. "Combined with UNBC's excellent reputation and track record for educating and inspiring next-generation leaders, it's one example of how we can work together to transform lives and communities in Northern B.C."

UNBC student Bianca Michell received a financial award from TransCanada Corporation represented by Kiel Giddens, Community Relations liason and Prince George Regional Office lead.



In one semester, Rebecca Delorey gained valuable experience working with a client, as part of a team, on a real-life project.

It's exactly what the fourth-year Environmental Planning (ENPL) student was searching for when she enrolled in ENPL 415 – Ecological Design.

Delorey and her classmates were tasked in September 2016 with creating a design concept for a livable urban village that the Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George (AHSPG) is exploring as a possible development for a 6.7-acre parcel of land near Prince George's downtown core.

The ENPL 415 class was part of UNBC's Undergraduate Experiential Service Learning program that's designed to extend the classroom experience beyond the typical university setting. UNBC students involved in these types of courses learn by doing and grow their leadership skills in preparation for the challenges they will face beyond graduation.

The students connected with First Nations Elders about traditional living arrangements and carried those discussions into their concept and final design.

It was a daunting challenge, but one the four students—Delorey, Catherine Lessard, Tyson Baker and Heather Mitchell—were excited to take on.

ENPL professor Dr. Mark Groulx, with help from co-instructor Sara-Lynn Harding, redesigned the course from a lecture-style to a studio-type course, facilitating rich involvement between the students, the AHSPG, the neighborhood, and stakeholders, including the City of Prince George.

"This course brought everything we've learned in the last four years into practice," said Delorey.

The course was made possible thanks to contributions to the Innovation Fund in Experiential Learning, which is increasing the number and types of hands-on

courses available to students, inspiring next-generation leaders.

In December, the students presented their final concept at a community open house hosted by the AHSPG.

Their plan depicted a village of 250 housing units, including 50 assisted living units, 30 single detached units, 30 accessible units on the ground floor, 30 townhouses and 110 apartments.

Since then, Prince George City Council unanimously approved the rezoning of the property and the AHSPG has made an offer to purchase it. Funding and further community engagement is required for the project to continue.

Groulx was impressed with the creative ideas the students brought into the design process, and the collaborative energy they brought to the project.

"I'm excited to teach more planning courses like this. Experiential learning lets students link their learning to an ongoing process of community change, and to see the impact of their efforts in action," he said. "For our students, we see this type of hands-on, applied learning having consistent pay off in the high rate of our students who obtain jobs in their field, and ultimately in producing the type of positive community change that we consistently see from UNBC School of Environmental Planning alumni."

Building Community

**Students gain real-life experience
designing a housing project**





Making Rural Practice a Choice

A health-care education journey through UNBC

Prior to starting a Master's degree in the UNBC Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program, Lisa Creelman was a stranger to small towns in Northern B.C. and was living in the rapidly urbanizing Fraser Valley.

Fast forward several years, she now lives in Mackenzie and is one of eight health-care professionals in this industrial community of 3,700 people.

Her journey is one that more and more health-care students are choosing.

"UNBC was my first choice, as I wanted as many different learning experiences as possible," says Lisa. "Working in rural health care was eye-opening."

Her first choice was also the right choice.

During her studies, Lisa was exposed to primary care in a rural environment and

pursued clinical placements throughout the region. Her experiences shaped her understanding of how smaller communities are supported by what is often a lean health-care support system, as well as an appreciation for the lifestyle a small community offers.

As a FNP, Lisa provides a holistic approach to primary health care with each of her patients, providing health assessments, promoting preventative health, and diagnosing diseases and conditions. She also plays an important role in primary health care by conducting physical exams, prescribing medications, ordering tests and referring to specialists.

The Northern Medical Programs Trust (NMPT) helped open these doors by providing funding so that she could include rural clinical practice in her education at UNBC. And now she is one of the first recipients of the FNP Program

Rural Practice Graduate Award because she has accepted a position in the region.

Contributions to the NMPT endowment are enhancing the reach and impact of health-care education so that UNBC can graduate health leaders equipped to serve Canada's communities. And they are supporting students such as Lisa in becoming vital members of their communities.

"The local residents and health-care team have been extremely welcoming and supportive," she says. "My husband and I and our two children spend more time together as a family, exploring Northern B.C. and even trying new activities like cross-country skiing. I really enjoy being in a smaller town, and being invested in this community's health, wellness, growth and development."

Encouraging Success

Setting a bold forestry career path

With the whirring of a brush saw in his ears, Gregory Daniels was a teenager happy to earn a paycheque.

A job, yes. But a career in forestry? That seemed a long way off.

“I was working minimum-wage jobs,” Daniels recalls. “But all of my employers encouraged me to pursue post-secondary education.”

Whether it was working that brush saw near his home community of Canim Lake, B.C., or working in a tree nursery, the common denominator in those entry-level positions was forestry.

Like many of the forest service roads he has driven for work, Daniels’ route to UNBC was not straight. In addition to his early work experience, Daniels made stops at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and in 100 Mile House working as a silviculture technician with West Fraser. It was his supervisor there who encouraged Daniels to further his studies. UNBC’s Ecosystem Science and Management Program was the natural choice.

“All the other people in the office came through the UNBC program and they had good things to say about it,” he says.

Not only did his employers urge him to seek a degree, they also suggested he apply for the Forest Products Association of Canada Skills Award for Aboriginal Youth. Daniels was one of only two winners from across the country.

“I was unsure if this was going to be the industry for me, but after getting the award it solidified that idea,” he explains. “It’s awards like this that lead to more Aboriginal involvement in the forestry industry.”

He returned to the West Fraser operation in 100 Mile House for a summer student position this year, but his long-term goal is to return home and give back to the community of Canim Lake.

“I’m going to gather the experience I need, and then I’d really like to go back and help my reserve with their natural resources.”



Finding Common Ground

Danish delegation seek solutions on rural education

When a high-ranking government delegation travels from Europe to learn about your approach to rural education, you know your university has an international reach.

A parliamentary committee from Denmark recently visited campuses in Prince George and Quesnel on a fact-finding mission focusing on decentralized education systems and the delivery of economic supports in rural areas. Where better to learn about this than right here in Northern B.C.?

Seven members of the Danish Rural Districts and Islands committee met with UNBC and other stakeholders about the opportunities and challenges associated with distributed models of education.

During the mission, co-ordinated by UNBC's Community Development Institute (CDI), Danish Members of Parliament also met with local, regional and First Nations elected leaders, community members, and economic development experts in both communities.

"What both the Danish and B.C. participants learned from the discussions is that communities in rural regions share many common concerns and opportunities," explained Dr. Greg Halseth, a UNBC Geography Professor, Canada Research Chair, and Co-Director of the CDI. "The mission illustrated the value of building opportunities to share information, knowledge, and experience with other rural communities."

The delegation, which also included officials from the Danish Embassy, toured the North Cariboo Community

Campus in Quesnel, home to both UNBC and the College of New Caledonia.

Meetings with Nazko First Nation, Quesnel City Council, Community Futures, and the Chamber of Commerce featured presentations on economic development as well as the considerable contributions UNBC and CNC and make to broader economic development.

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At UNBC's campus in Prince George, the delegation toured the Dr. Donald Rix Northern Health Sciences Centre, home of the Northern Medical Program. They met with officials from the University's senior administration and discussed the impact and role of post-secondary education in meeting social and economic challenges, and how they are trying to build these connections and capacities to renew their economies.

Also in Prince George, the delegation met with the Northern Development Initiative Trust and a Mayor's panel that included Prince George's Acting Mayor, and the Mayors from Mackenzie, Smithers and Vanderhoof.

"The committee, which visits a different country every year, told us that this was the best fact-finding mission they had been on," added Halseth. "They not only learned a great deal, but were 'inspired to creativity' in their own thinking and planning."



UNBC In The News

UNBC people and stories making headlines



Women's Hoops Team Makes Playoffs

The UNBC Women's basketball team reached new heights this season, qualifying for the playoffs for the first time since joining the U SPORT Canada West Conference.

The Timberwolves completed the season with a 6-14 record, good for the 12th seed in the CW post-season. The historic regular season earned them a first-round matchup with the UBC Thunderbirds, who twice narrowly defeated UNBC to conclude the T-Wolves' year.

Coach Sergey Shchepotkin's squad was led by a pair of incredible players, in Vasiliki Louka and Maria Mongomo (left). Louka, a native of Greece, averaged 15.8 points and 9.3 rebounds per game, both marks good for top 10 in the conference. Mongomo had averages of 16.1 points, 7.8 rebounds, 2.8 assists, and 2.5 steals per contest, all numbers that placed her in the Canada West top 10.



Knowledge Mobilization

Dr. Martha MacLeod, the Northern Health-UNBC Knowledge Mobilization Research Chair, secured \$250,000 in matched funding through the federally and provincially funded British Columbia Support for People and Patient-Oriented Research and Trials Unit to explore the best ways to mobilize knowledge.

"I will be working with researchers and students at UNBC and with clinicians and others at Northern Health to extend ways to develop responsive, relevant research evidence and finding ways to move it into action," Dr. MacLeod explains.



UNBC's Story

History Professor Dr. Jonathan Swainger won the Jeanne Clarke Memorial local history award for his book *Aspiration: A History of the University of Northern British Columbia to 2015*.

Swainger, who joined UNBC's faculty as the first non-administrative academic hire in 1992, conducted nearly 80 audio and video interviews and consulted the Northern British Columbia Archives at the Geoffrey R. Weller Library extensively.

In the 25 years since UNBC's founding, Swainger concluded the University has achieved its initial core mission of attracting and retaining top minds in Northern B.C.



Wilburforce Fellow

Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management Associate Professor Dr. Pamela Wright is one of 20 scientists in Western North America to receive a prestigious year-long Wilburforce Fellowship in Conservation Science.

The Fellows receive training in leadership and communication to prepare them to continue to engage in conservation management and policy discussions.

The Wilburforce Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation based in Seattle.

Research Recognized

Ecosystem Science and Management professor Dr. Darwyn Coxson was recognized in April by the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C., earning the Paz Buttedahl Career Achievement Award.

Dr. Coxson's advocacy and internationally renowned research was instrumental in the 2015 establishment of the Ancient Forest/Chun T'oh Whudujut Provincial Park, a 12,000-hectare area protecting the core western redcedar rain forest 120 km east of Prince George.

The Paz Buttedahl Career Achievement Award is for sustained outstanding contributions to the community beyond the academy through research or other scholarly activities by an individual or group over the major portion of their career.

Interdisciplinary Exchange

Cassidy Shuvera is exploring the role Canada plays on the global stage as a northern nation.

Shuvera, a UNBC student enrolled in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (specializing in International Northern Development), is part of a new collaborative, interdisciplinary, joint master's degree program between UNBC and Nord University in Bodo, Norway. Dr. Gary Wilson is the academic lead for the UNBC program and co-ordinator of the Northern Studies Program.

The new degree examines issues, opportunities and challenges associated with northern development in the circumpolar region, with a particular focus on northern Canada and northern Norway.

MicroRNAs Play Big Role in Regulating Cell Function

Scientists are now beginning to understand many diseases are caused by having too many or too few of certain types of microRNAs (a class of small ribonucleic acid), which play an important role in regulating many functions in cells.

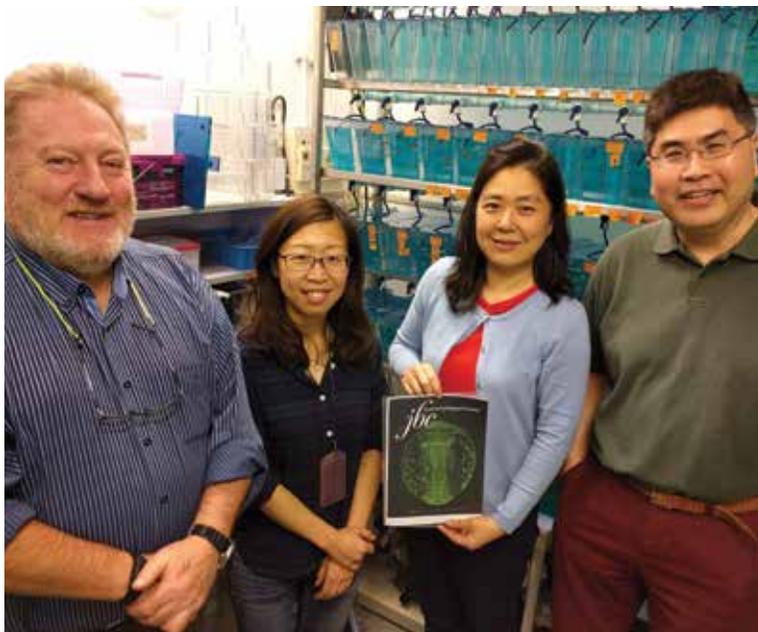
MicroRNAs are found across many species, including humans, making it of profound importance to be able to detect them in order to study their molecular functions.

UNBC biochemistry researchers Dr. Maggie Wai Ming Li and Dr. Chow Lee, in collaboration with Dr. Andrew Miller from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, have designed a molecular sensor, called a molecular beacon, to detect a specific microRNA called miR-430, which is essential for zebrafish development and is evolutionarily conserved in many species including humans.

Using powerful microscopes to image live zebrafish embryos, the researchers were able to detect when miR-430 starts to appear and to follow it during the first 30 hours of the embryo.

During the study, the scientists also found the ability of the molecular beacon to inhibit the function of miR-430 leading to developmental defects in the brain, kidney and heart.

The study has been published in The Journal of Biological Chemistry.



From Left: Dr. Andrew Miller, Ms. Ching-Man Chan, Dr. Maggie Wai Ming Li and Dr. Chow Lee in the zebrafish facility lab at HKUST.

Giving Back

UNBC experiences launch biotech careers

Even though the University of Northern British Columbia is Canada's No. 1 small university, it has had a big impact on Dr. David Llewellyn.

Growing up in Prince George, David graduated from high school just as the University was established.

"The mentorship and coaching provided and the experience I gained working in the lab was a game-changer for me," he says of his undergraduate experience at UNBC. "Small classes and easy access to faculty created a rich learning environment and prepared me for graduate school."

David went on to earn a PhD in Organic Chemistry from McGill University in 2002. He was so well prepared that he finished his PhD in just four years.

"I learned a much broader range of lab techniques and had access to advanced lab equipment that you cannot get at a larger school," he said. "It gave me an advantage when I started graduate school since I was able to start my research right away with very little training."

Now as the Vice President for Business Operations at STEMCELL Technologies, David is responsible for marketing products that support the life sciences research industry internationally. He also oversees the company, global pricing, and the private label and distributed products division.

While he may live and work in Vancouver, Llewellyn's ties to UNBC remain strong.

He's the embodiment of how UNBC graduates are inspired locally, but make impacts globally, how they are succeeding far beyond the boundaries of Northern B.C. and that they continue to give back to keep UNBC strong.

He regularly visits the University to meet with students, and STEMCELL has hired three UNBC graduates so far.

Llewellyn's most recent hire is Cara Halseth, who earned a Bachelor of Science, majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology and anthropology. She was awarded a President's Scholars entrance award and received a Natural Sciences and Research Council's Undergraduate Research Award. Perhaps David recognized talent, remembering his own NSERC award—a UNBC first—two decades earlier.

"We typically put a lot of emphasis on hiring people who love science and have a strong science background," he said. "I think the quality of education at UNBC is high and I see talent here that STEMCELL has not taken full advantage of—yet."



UNBC grad Cara Halseth is embarking on a new career at STEMCELL Technologies.

David Llewellyn (BSc Chemistry) earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry in 1997 guided by Drs. Todd Whitcombe, Margot Mandy, Kerry Reimer and Guy Plourde, at that time young faculty and 20 years later, seasoned UNBC professors.

Today David is a senior executive of one of Canada's largest biotechnology companies, STEMCELL Technologies. With its home base in Vancouver, STEMCELL develops specialty cell culture media, cell isolation systems and other products that support research on cancer and many other diseases.

Class Notes

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2001

Ryan Yates (BComm Finance & Marketing) recently joined the marketing firm Lucidia as the Vice President Strategy in Toronto.



Marianne Sprague (BA Economics & General Business and BA First Nations Studies 2008) recently launched Wise Owl Wordsmithing, a document editing service in Prince George.

2004

Patar Simatupang (BComm General Business) is the Head of Academics at the SAE Institute in Jakarta, Indonesia.



1997



2002

Arian (AJ) Delisle (BComm Finance & Marketing) is a Senior Account Manager with RBC Royal Bank in Coquitlam.

Seamus Carroll (BSc Computer Science) is the Lead Member of Technical Staff at Salesforce in Vancouver.

Tim Carmack (BComm Finance and MBA 2010) was appointed to the UNBC Board of Governors as an alumni order-in-council member.

Hayes Beatty (BComm General Business) is the Manager of Workplace Health and Safety with Alberta Environment and Parks, based in Edmonton.

Tanya Schilling (BScN) is the Director of Health Promotion at the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health in Regina.

Som Pun (Bsc NRM Forestry and MNRES 2015) was recently published in the Journal of Sustainable Forestry. The article *The Implications and Challenges of First Nations Forestry Negotiations in British Columbia, Canada: The Tl'azt'en Nation Experience*. was based on his graduate research



Lindsay Harkness (BA International Studies) works with the United Nations Mine Action Service as the Head of Programme Office in Iraq, supporting operations in areas that have been affected by explosive hazards such as improvised explosive devices (IEDs), 'booby traps' and other remnants of war. Recently, UNMAS has responded in and around the Mosul area in support of internally displaced persons as military forces have moved in to retake the area from ISIS.

2005

Jarrod Penny (BComm Marketing) is an Account Manager with the Layfield Group in Richmond.

2006

Terry Teegee (BSc Forestry) recently presented for UNBC's Aboriginal Alumni Speaker Series. Terry is serving his second term as Tribal Chief of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and is a Registered Professional Forester.

2007

Paula Wylie (BSc Psychology) is a Clinical Supervisor at Nechako Valley Community Services Society in Vanderhoof.

2008

Kyle Blais (BComm Finance & General Business) and his family are excited to move back to Prince George. Kyle will take a new position with TD Commercial Banking. His wife **Christina, née Bishop (BSc Psychology 2008 and BED 2010)** will work for School District 57.



Stephanie McCullough (BComm Marketing) is a Financial Analyst with SunSelect Produce in Vancouver.

Candace Maxwell (BComm Human Resources Management) is now living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Working in the high-tech industry, Candace manages human resources for a number of game development teams at the Electronic Arts headquarters located in Silicon Valley.



Chris Nickerson (MBA) is the Director of Intergovernmental Relations at Alberta Health in Edmonton.

2010

Josh Van der Meer (MSW) is a Primary Health Care Social Worker with Northern Health in Prince George.

Krystin St Jean (BSc Natural Resource Management and BPL 2013) is the Senior Facilitator with the Community Development Institute at UNBC.

Dustin King (BSc Biochemistry 2010) has been awarded a CIHR post-doctoral fellowship to study the molecular underpinnings of Parkinson's disease.



2011

Linda Herman (MBA) is the Manager of Service of Delivery for the Ministry of Social Development in Prince George.

Jocelyn Huber (BComm Marketing) is the Fundraising and Event Manager for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Vancouver.

2012

Morgan Fournier (BSc Environmental Science) is a Campus Minister at Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in Montreal.

2013

Shane Hartman (MA NRES Tourism) is the Indigenous Community Liaison & Outreach Coordinator at the University of Victoria.



Cindy Fehr (MScN FNP) is a Family Nurse Practitioner providing health care to rural and remote communities in Manitoba.

2015

Lingnan Cai (MEd Multi-Disciplinary Leadership) is the International Admissions Officer at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo.

Samantha Shorson (BSW First Nations Specialization) is an Aboriginal Child and Youth Care Worker for School District 36 in Surrey.

2016

Breane Healey (BComm Human Resources Management) recently moved to Mackenzie to become an HR Administrative Assistant at Canfor.

Tammy Keleher (BSN) is an RN with Northern Health in Prince George.

Aboriginal Alumni Speaker Series

Dustin King, Shane Hartman, Paula Wylie and Terry Teegee (all featured in this edition's Class Notes) recently presented in the Aboriginal Alumni Speaker Series. The program was designed to inspire current UNBC students with educational and post-graduation stories of Aboriginal alumni. UNBC currently has more than 750 self-declared Aboriginal alumni, representing about 6 per cent of our graduates.

Terry Teegee speaks on his UNBC experience





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